Land encroachments

1881. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large area of land has been grabbed illegally near Gole Market, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that institution/school named Vidya Bhavan has been constructed on such encroached government green land;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to retrieve such government green land?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Approximately 3.95 acres of land are presently under encroachment in Gole Market/DIZ Area. They include 2.25 acres near the G. Point, 1 acre near Block No. 58, Kali Bari Marg and 0.70 acre near the site for Samaj Sadan near Kali Bari Marg and Service Road.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise, in view of reply to (b) above.

Development of cultural and historical places/cities

1882. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the culturally and historically significant places/cities developed/proposed to be developed;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded any proposals to develop certain culturally and historically significant places/ cities; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) At present, there is no scheme under which culturally and historically significant places/cities can be taken up for development by the Ministry of Urban Development.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Health hazard due to drain in Dwarka

1883. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a drain passing between the rear boundary wall of DDA HIG flats, Sector-13, Pkt. B, Dwarka, and rear boundary wall of Pragati Public School is open and spreads foul smell in the DDA's residential colony and the school;

(b) whether this nallah is causing serious health hazards and is a breeding ground for mosquitoes and ill-effects on the health of residents and school children;

(c) whether this nallah is the root cause of Dengue, Malaria and other similar diseases among the inhabitants; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken by Government to cover this nallah?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that there is an open trunk drain between the rear boundary wall of DDA/ HIG flats, Sectcr-13, Pkt. B, Dwarka and rear boundary wall of Pragati Public School. This trunk drain was constructed by DDA. There is flowing water in the drain and as such no health hazard to the residents and the school children in the vicinity is being caused.

(c) and (d) The DDA has further informed that no specific case of Dengue, Malaria or similar disease due to proximity of the drain has been reported. Such drains are to be handed over to the MCD/Flood Control Department. Presently there is no provision for covering of such trunk drains.

Permission to NRIs to bid for residential plots

1884 SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to permit NRIs to make bid for residential plots in the capital;